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In re Patent Application of ) BOX AF  
Raymond DUBOIS et al. )  
Application No.: 09/331,959 ) Group Art Unit: 1712  
Filed: September 28, 1999 ) Examiner: M. G. Moore  
For: USE OF MIXTURES WITH BASE ) Confirmation No.: 2312  
OF PT AND OF TRANSITION )  
METAL COMPOUNDS OTHER )  
THAN PT FOR IMPROVING THE )  
RESISTANCE TO ARC TRACKING )  
AND TO ARC EROSION OF )  
SILICON ELASTOMERS )

REPLY BRIEF

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**I. Introduction:**

This Reply Brief, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b), is in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed June 4, 2002.

**II. Grouping of Claims**

The Examiner disagrees with Appellants' grouping of claims. See Examiner's answer at page 2 (7). In response, Appellants wish to correct their claim grouping as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1, 9-10, 12, 15-16, 18 and 20; and  
Group II: Claims 2-8, 11, 13-14, 17, 19 and 21.

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